

Brighton & Hove City Council

Cabinet

Agenda Item 76(b)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 17 October 2024

A period of not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public:

(1) Housing Allocations Policy – David Thomas

The proposed abolition of the Queue system, while not a bad thing in itself, is very likely drastically to reduce the number of homeless people housed. At present 50% of available properties are reserved for them; under the new system they are in category C1 – officers have not provided any estimate of what this might mean, but it seems very likely that far fewer will be housed, with the result that people will be marooned in temporary housing for much longer, and numbers in temporary accommodation will balloon with equivalent cost to the council. My question is: What proportion of new lettings does the cabinet estimate will go to persons to whom the main duty under Housing Act 1996 section 193(2) is owed?

